Fabrication of prototype of LCA

1853. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the first prototype of the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) TD-1 has since been taken back to the workshop to complete the fabrication;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether wide publicity on soloflight of LCA was made at different means of media;

(d) whether huge amount was spent on inaugural flight of LCA;

(e) whether Government propose to take an action against those responsible for an incomplete aeroplane flight; and

(f) if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE AND DEPTT. OF DEFENCE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) The first Light Combat Aircraft (LCA), which was rolled out on 17 Nov 95 has been taken up for system integration tests and ground tests, as planned.

(c) The roll out ceremony, did not envisage any flight of LCA. Roll out is an important milestone for LCA before commencement of flight trial. Hence the occasion was recognised in the media.

(d) Does not arise as no flight of LCA has taken place.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) Does not arise.

Implementation of Cadre Review of CPWD Staff

1854. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Cadre Review case of Ministerial, Drawing and Class IV staff of CPWD is pending since last eight years;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government for early implementation of cadre review;

(c) whether Government would ensure that Cadre Review in respect of the above category staff is implemented before the end of the current financial year; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor and the steps proposed to ensure early implementation of the cadre review?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPTT. OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI R. K. DHAWAN): (a) and (b) The Cadre Review proposals in respect of Group 'C' Ministerial staff could not be finalised earlier because the CPWD was being studied by the Staff Inspection Unit of the Ministry of Finance. The report of the Staff Inspection Unit containing the workload norms for a division have since been received. The Cadre Review proposals, in respect of Group 'C' Ministerial staff have been reformulated by the CPWD based on the Report of the S.I.U. In respect of the Drawing staff, revised proposals are yet to be formulated by the CPWD based on the revised workload norms. As regard Group 'D' staff, the Ministry of Finance has already done cadre Review and orders issued in this respect has already been implemented.

(c) and (d) As the Cadre Review involves consultation with the Ministry of Finance, it is not possible to give a time frame for completion.